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cle of the Constitution.

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and the American Federation of Labor.

What Mr. Wilson Might Have Said.

Repudiation of political responsibility for the continued impairment of them. Suppose that instead of seeking to eth the heart sick. avoid the imputation of the persistent depression of business to political causes President Wilson had accepted It and instead of discoursing metaphysically about the trade and industrial outlook had uttered himself as follows:

"Without admitting that diminished creasing employment of labor are which so notably expedites informal leg- ders the job of ridding the highways of wholly attributable to the transfer of islation of this kind he did not tell snow and ice? Government to the Democratic party, of which I am the leader, the party has no desire to minimize its share in bringing about or perpetuating the conditions described. It was to be expected that business disturbance and depression would attend the alterations in the statutory circumstances of business endeavor to which the party felt itself committed. I conceive that the in his previous amendments to the country voted for extensive changes charter was of a kind to encourage the in the lines of business legality and in the legal basis of business, and disturbance and depression are the price which had to be paid for the change.

"When this Administration entered office it did so without pretending that it proposed to consult men of affairs. From the time of my inauguration until now the Administration has endeavored to avoid citizens whose practical experience might taint the policies which it had in view. By placing Mr. BRYAN in the first office in my Cabinet I gave notice that the stone which the business builders had rejected three times had become the head of the corner, and to the terms of this notice I have endeavored strictly to adhere.

"It is true that the Democratic party ascended to power by a minority vote LABERDESQUE, who died in Paris in the atlantic publicity. discharge our duty.

"The country's banking and mone- as a son by adoption. tary system called for reform and we This Cuban D'Artagnan must be re- zons of the twentieth century? have reformed it altogether. Control membered in Havana as a precoclous of the financial machinery has been and incorrigible duellist, for notices of politically vested so that the direction his career have it that after he reof the money market shall not be in the turned, a mere youth, from Venezuela, hands of the banking custodians of where he served under the insurgent credit and capital, as it is in other less General CRESPO, he fought forty-three progressive nations. Financial revolut due is with sabre, pistot and yataghan. tion compels readjustments by busi- That must have been less than twenty claim all the seaguils on vacation. Lots ness, but business was already forced years ago, for Laberdesque was only to make fresh adaptations by the 40 when he died. The Cubans will rewholesale transformation of its tariff member the valiant soul if his quarrels

euvtronment. to consider themselves exempt from and he resigned to enter politics. the prohibitions against monopolistic

Market Control of the Control of the

the country should be more careful how he killed his man.

sponsibility would, however, have the conveyed no other satisfaction than his time. Renders of THE SUN leaving town for the that it was easier for business men to

"I believe that the public is honest and Published daily, including Sunday, by the fair minded enough to concede that the as much as a soldler of fortune, and Sun Printing and Publishing Association at roads are entitled to reasonable profits a copy of the immortal D'Artagnan a fittle girl, wheeling a baby carriage, did not get out of the way until I stopped and should at her. At another time a the rates that will yield those profits without forcing the Government to take

The agitation for an increase in rates London office. Effingham House, 1 Arundel has been going on for more than three Paris office, 6 Rue de la Michodiere, off years. Hearings on the present application to the commission began in November last.

There is no decision yet nor is there any assurance that one will be made strations for publication wish to have speedily. Neither is there any cerrejected articles returned they must in all cases tainty that the decision will give immediate relief. There have been intimations that there will be a decision The First Section of the First Arti- on the main principle only and that if an increase be allowed there will follow a prolonged discussion as to details which may postpone its effective, ness for months to come.

Meanwhile the losses of the rail roads in operating revenue continue. The figures for April, published yesterday side by side with the report of Mr. CLEMENTS's remarks-figures officially compiled by the commission itself -show a cool drop of \$1,000,000. In business confidence does not become an view of the facts, the cheerful opti-Administration which is supposed to mism of the Commissioner painfully have convictions and the courage of suggests the hope deferred which mak-

> The Mayor Amends the Charter. what was to be initiated; he neglected to recall the fact that the latest referendum enjoyed by the people of New York did not leave an altogether good taste in their mouths, although in providing business for the criminal courts

it was an unqualified success. It may be the Mayor feels that the details are unnecessary. His experience belief that on such matters it is unwise to expend much time and effort. The Mayor initiated last winter certain amendments to the charter affecting the police section of that document; he referred them to the Legislature; and the Legislature recalled them from the possibility of enactment with a nonpartisan enthusiasm that impaired in a marked degree the Mayor's confidence

in legislative bodies generally. This may explain why he selected Illinois as the site of his latest legislative activity, and why his alterations of the charter were, to put it mildly, utes .- From the London Times. rather sketchy.

A Cuban D'Artagnan.

and that the Administration is, histori- latter part of May, has been called a cally speaking, an accident. Neverthe-modern D'Artagnan. In degenerate less we had a conjectural mandate days it may be surmised that M. Lafrom the people to perform certain BERDESQUE posed for the part. Ceroperations on the business body, and tainly there is some evidence of it in hatcheted an attendant in the Doré Gal-Mr. BRYAN will bear witness to the his editing a sheet to which he gave lery in London; two other members of ideal fashion in which we have tried to the name of Mousquetaire and in his the gentler sex horsewhipped Dr. Frankeeping company with MM. ROUZIÈRES, "Almost the first undertaking of the Dorzières, Portopin and De Villette, Administration was to annihilate 'dol- all of them boulevard fighting men and lar diplomacy.' In all other civilized accounted masters of the rapier. La- of his chair with her clenched fist, while countries statecraft is the auxiliary perpesque himself until the last years a sympathetic companion hurled a muand ally of foreign commerce, but at of a life of excitement and adventure cliage bottle at his head; and for full the very beginning my Administration was a duellist from sheer love of sword established a divorce between the for- play. His blood was Spanish and Béareign policy of the United States and nais, and, singularly, he was a Cuban was taken to a hospital to be patched exploitation of the world's markets. by birth-France could claim him only

and encounters among them are not "it will be agreed, I am sure, that the thistledown of romance. Cuba may the country had declared its wish for have become too hot for M. LABERa lower protective tariff, and it will pesque, or perhaps it was too tame be conceded that the Administration's even in the throes of revolution, since arit' bill was no half-way measure. he migrated to Algeria and enlisted in While we were about it we took occa- the Spahis. Porthos, it seems, was no sion to enact, in the income tax law, stronger, for the young man distina piece of class legislation which guished himself before the whole regipointed the way to further amelioration ment by carrying a horse upon his of the inequalities of human fortune, shoulder. His fencing was said to be as in the grant of special privilege to consummate even in such a company. labor unions and agricultural societies In turn it became too slow for him,

MAX REGIS was Mayor of Algiers at The protest of the Rev. W. A. BEECHER conspiracies decreed for merchants and the time, and the Cuban swashbuckler of Sennett. N. Y., against the verdict engaged him, nothing loath, in a furi- which acquitted Jean Gianini, who "I might add that the Administra- ous controversy. One after another murdered his daughter, will be approved tion is determined to place on the stat- LABERDESQUE plaked or shot at six nte books the pending programme of friends of M. Régis, and at last faced Lida Beecher was a crime of peculiar laws for the disruption of corporate that well advertised man himself on atrocity; it had no palliating feature. relations and the reduction of corporate the duelling ground. In Algiers they Nobody had ever thought of regarding

nected experiments. When this is done ing, probably with frony, for it is said until his counsel took up that idea as a it is the purpose of the Administration to have lasted two whole days with to assist every surviving legitimate but a slight forearm wound for M. business interest to enter into the new Max. Now this is not at all like D'Ar- brutish instincts. Such motal perverts freedom which we have been preparing. TAGNAN in the flesh or in the pages of are entirely capable of appreciating the If it should in the meantime appear Dumas. He was more proficient in consequences of their acts, and when that the accomplishments of the Ad- the use of the rapler, in fact invinciministration are not at all what the ble. Nor are we told that in any of country wanted. I can only say that M. LABERDESQUE'S numerous encounters munity they give free rein to their im-

In his last years the hero of so many If Mr. Wilson had talked this way fights turned pacifist. No reason is 40 about the business bearings of politics given for the conversion. But it is DAILY AND SUNDAY, Per Year..... 8 50 business community, because the consequences of political action will be what provoked and challenged. He mainthey will be. Such an avowal of re- tained his composure, living upon a secure past. "Gascons of the Béar merit of superior frankness and candid | nais" are mentioned as his baiters after accordance with the facts. Moreover, he settled in Paris a mere newspaper it would be an utterance deserving of term, we fear, to carry out the illusion Ninety-five Per Cent. Due to Pedestrian approval for its courage, even if it of LABERDESQUE as the D'Artagnan of

Probably a scrutiny of the activities understand than evasive allusions to of this heroic personage would prove him to have been an ardent and mercurial Latin who cherished an insult Hope Deferred for the Railroads. for the appeal to the code duello it At a meeting of the Interstate Com- sanctioned, who fenced cleverly and merce Commission on Tuesday Commis- with a delightful sense of security, and who loved notoriety as the breath of his nostrils; a chevalier of industry

Some Cooling Statistics

While the mercury was rising in the tube last week the Board of Esitmate plunged into the snowdrifts of winter to extricate the Street Cleaning Department from a financial hole into special revenue bonds to meet the deficiencies thus caused. The statistics he presented were impressive as to what not cleaning the streets after a big snowstorm costs:

"A detailed statement of the cost of snow removal for the present year is attached to the request of the Department bay for any damage they do. This of Street Cleaning, dated May 6, 1914.

The charges on this account to appropria. The charges on this account to appropriations numbered 2412, 2413 and 2414, respectively, are summarized below:

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\$2,245,794.00 \$2,446,112.66 \$200,318.66

A breath of winter in the hot days of late May; a reminder of the capacities and genius of our climate; a pleasant Mayor MITCHEL amended the city assurance to the taxpayers that their charter this week in Illinois by the sim- money is in no danger of lacking exerple process of announcing that here- cise. What monumental proportions after it would contain provisions for would the bill have reached had the the initiative, the referendum and the presiding director of the weather not recall. With that largeness of phrase turned to and taken on his own shoul-

Mainly Psychological.

In Josephia, N. C., yesterday, the Hon. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, Secretary of Commerce, began his series of "prosperity talks."

This is the Mr. REDFIELD who a little while ago was going to improve and instruct and sharpen the wits of Amer-

Robber Tariff was kicked out by the Only Constitutional Tariff.

Plenty of competition. More than a plenty of "prosperity talk." Whence the quickened prosperity.

Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim was a passenger with Mr. Rowland Ding in a cross-Channel flight yesterday. The machine was a Handley Page biplane fitted with a 100 horse-power Anzani engine, and left Hendon just before 8 o'clock. The cross-Channel flight took fifteen min-

The item shows how commonplace flying the Channel has become. Who on this side of the Atlantic ever heard of Ding the aviator? The puzzle, of A French journalist, M. ETIENNE course, is how a princess escaped trans-

> Wednesday was a busy day, a red letter day for the suffragettes in Great Britain and Ireland: one nymph, declaring the militants were "too ladylike," CIS FORWARD, medical officer of Holloway jail; a "giantess in size" invaded office of the Telegraph in Dublin and knocked the effeminate editor out measure for the day, the same fair agi tators beat the editor of the Dublin News-Letter with such success that he up. When will the poet arise to sing the ideals and high emprise of the Ama-

It is stated that the seagulis and wild ducks which usually winter about the Long Island Sound ports did not take departure until last week. The fly to the Canadian provinces Labrador for the summer .-- Nautical Ga

Avast there! The Dominion cannot of them that are known to winter in New York have been recognized at the Maine coast resorts in summer, from Bar Harbor to Cape Newaggen and even further south.

It is to be hoped that the Tarrytown jail authorities will not allow their I. W. W. guests to overeat themselves now the hunger strike has been called off. The odor of that beefsteak pie that broke down the staying power of the agitators' stomachs suggests that it is anything but penitential diet. If Tartors away, it had better confine the menu of its lockup to good filling material without an undue quality savor.

by every one who is tired of immunity

desperate chance to save him, He was obviously no more insane than any other miscreant who gives way to death is pretty surely the result they contrive to control themselves. when there is a good prospect Mr. BEECHER is quite right in saying that the "mercy" shown to Gianini is a direct encouragement to teacher or any one else who may happen to anger him. When jurors realize that their first duty is to the public, the prevalence of murder will be considerreduced, as it is in the British Islands, for instance

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS.

Carelessness, Says an Owner.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I think that "D. L. J.," who writes a letter to THE SUN about automobile accidents, judges himself badly when he says that he can qualify as an expert on safety first. He says he can do so because he was once struck by an automobile. Since he has had the experience he had better discuss how pedestrians should be careful and avoid injury. Although I have never struck any one, the only occasions I came very near doing so were when so car. For example, once while crossing a bridge, although I was blowing my horn, and shouted at her. At another time a lady, walking across the avenue and wav-ing to some one, might have been struck by me had I not stopped a few feet away dents result from carelessness on the part of the pedestrian.

regard to the attitude of the owners "D. L. J." says that they are inclined to which it retired when the last storm sub-sided. The Commissioner wanted trans-That is why they get insured. Every one fers from certain accounts in the knows that some accidents must happen, no matter how careful all parties concerned are. Again, "D. L. J." says that owners do not care to go to any expense to protect their machines. He ought to know that were there any protective con-trivances made for automobiles the owners themselves would procure them volum

Two-thirds of the machines, says "D. any one believe that a person who pays such an amount for a car, \$20 to \$30 for storage, and many other smaller exnses, cannot pay for damages done by

In regard to speed laws, about two out found speeding. On the country roads is done, but no pedestrians are be injured. G. G. NEW YORK, June 3.

THE TRUE "KICKERS."

Not to He Confused With the Mob of Re formers and Cranks.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: of the worst nulsances is undoubtedly that class of individuals called the "reformers." rho because their stomachs are rebellious to wine, beer or some other good things of life are preaching total abstinence; who because they do not smoke want others to refrain; who are the enemies of baseball, horse racing, in fact all sports and amusements on Sunday on the fallacious pretence that one cannot con-ciliate his duties of a Christian with some recreation after a week of hard work.

These are the persons who are thunder-ing against women's fashions in hats and iresses most often because members of their families cannot afford to buy them; who are horrified, or pretend to be, at the sight of beautiful pictures and sculptures of the past and present. They spend al!

instruct and sharpen the wits of American manufacturers by the chastening process of severe foreign competition.

The severe competition is evident in word is a gross injustice. The true word is a gross injustice word is a gross injustice. The true word is a gross injustice word is a gross injustice. The true word is a gross injustice word is a gross injustice. The true word is a gross injustice word is a gross injustice word in their full significance. for a small coterie. He is a sort of all artist in philanthropy. He works to make ridiculous and consequently to kill columbia's crown, encouraging and supporting him at the top of their voices. Wherever he went they flocked in great where where the went they flocked in great where where they flocked in great where the went they flocked in great where where they flocked in great where they flocked in gre

to the expenses of alas! too many.

A "kicker" does not "kick" against petty
nulsances to himself but against big inconveniences to all. Otherwise he would be mistaken for a reformer or a crank.

As an example, among hundreds, let me tell you that Sunday morning, very early, was awakened by a noise that made me believe at first that part, at least, of Huerta's quick firing machines recently landed in Mexico had been diverted to my neighborhood. It was only motorcycles in force at a near garage. "Kicking" against that noise, against young men enjoying their Sunday sport, would have been a stupidity; but when later in the day saw a few among them afflicted with speed paranoia bound to endanger th as a mode of locomotion, and no one to stop them, then I "kicked."

To sum it up, a "kicker" deserving to be called so "kicks" for an era of tolernot to be impeded by the incredible despotism of a few and the indifference or rather the stupidity of the many. He is fighting for the throwing over of platorms, political and other, built on spoorisy. He works for the enlightening of all. He seeks to persuade that there is a tremendous difference between the words "use" and "abuse." I repeat a Kickers Club would be a great help. It will come some day.

HENRI DE LAFITOLE.

NEW YORK, June 3.

A Gnomie Distich.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir.

"Reform" and the world is with you; "Kick" and you kick alone. J. P. D. NEW YORK, June 3.

War and Irony. To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: It wouldn't be such a bad thing for this country of ours to have a war with old

Such a war would have the tendency

war with Mexico will help the railroads, which will have to transport soldiers
and things to eat. "In right" supply
for girls, at volunteer firemen's picnics,
and things to eat. "In right" supply
for girls, at volunteer firemen's picnics,
and the long on many other occasions. Thus and things to eat, "In right" supply for girls, at volunteer firemen's houses will then be benefited and so the and on many other occasions.

Let us have war by all means, provided American gun makers are permitted to sell their goods to Mexico for use to shoot at brother citizens.

H. M. K. That is true patriotism.

The Statute of Discriminations.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: While exemption and discrimination are the or-der of the day at Washington, why not say: "Nothing in this act shall be so con-strued as to apply to the business interests, the golden egg layers of America, the institutions that give men opportunity and freedom to develop individual capacity and power to work out to the their God endowed talents." W crumble the remaining shreds of the antitrust law to bits and rebuild legislation

to the desire of our Constitution "Surely, oppression maketh the wi ELIZABETH, N. J., June 3.

enterprise to a congeries of discon- must still be talking about the meet- the murderer as mentally defective NAYRB, A SUPER-YRESRUNIAN. an Interesting People Made Sacrifices for Their Principles.

Of all the Yresrunians none was more gifted as a talker or more active as a meddler than Nayrb, As a child he displayed wonderful powers of oratory, which won for him the title "Ettal peht for otaroy ob," the reference being to a shallow but unceasingly noisy stream that flowed through the subdivision of the yticauqol in which he dwelt.

As a meddler Nayrb had few competitors and no superiors. He meddled with what other Yresrunians ate and drank, what they thought and said, with their manner of wearing their garments, with the methods they adopted to settle their disputes; in fact, from no pie, as the Yresrunian proverb runs, was Nayrb's finger absent. Once he made a grand pilgrimage to other countries for the express purpose of meddling; and as he invented his own history and statistics as he went along he charmed all with whom he came in contact, and greatly enhanced the reputation of the Yresrunians as meddlers.

It would be supposed that so eminent a meddler, so notorious a talker, so highly endowed a minder of other folks' business, must inevitably have been chosen for the headship of the yticauqol. Yet Nayrb never achieved this merited reward, though he often strove to attain it. He explained his failures by declaring that the adherents of the Senisubnwo Ruoydnim and their allies the snoitaroproc formed a giant yearipsnoc, and through it corrupted most of the Yresrunians to his disadvantage. Curlously enough, the Yresrunians accused of being thus debased never resented the charge, thus giving support to the charge made by Relevant. who spent several years among them, that their national motto was

"TI OTEM DAEL!" But Nayrb's great services in meddling and talking were not without recompense. When Nosliw gained the chief place in the yticauqol he promptly sent for Nayrb, and appointed him to the highest office in his gift. Thus Nosliw honored Nayrb, and, moreover, Nosliw said "Better that Nayrb should live in my house and throw words at my enemies, the srereens, than that he should stand in the highway and throw sreens tarily or they would be compelled to do so at me"; for Nosliw knew a hawk from a handsaw, and was a past master of

the science of psychology. In the family of Nosliw the work of Nayrb was to talk incessantly on all subjects, and whenever it should prove impossible for him to utter sounds to devote his time to the transactions of Yresrun and the Yresrunians beyond the legislated and made large appropriations. subjects, and whenever it should prove borders of the country. He performed his duties with a degree of zeal and lack of discretion-a quality highly esof all the machines that pass through teemed among the Yresrunians—that the streets of the city a day may be, won all hearts, captivated all understandings, and created amazement throughout the civilized world. He urged his countrymen to vocality and spurred them on to meddling with consummate art and skill, contributing enormously to the notable state of chaos in internal and foreign affairs that shed a splendid radiance on the period of

Nosliw's ascendency among the Yres runians. There were not lacking envious Yresrunians who disliked Nayro, and se-

cretly assailed him. Certain rough and brutal men in the soldiery of the nation shook their heads as in fear or condemnation over his practices, and even applied to him the offensive epithet 'gabd niwdlo denmad." Happily, these creatures were practically ignorant of the arts of speech, and therefore their murmurs were unheard in the storm of oratory that prevailed in Yresrun. Only in foreign countries, such as Ocixem, which, having reached a stage of psychological upheaval mistakenly believed by the uneducated to be war, was cursed by comparative quiet, could the

numbers, crying in loud tones "Speech! Speech!" They organized meetings called Chat talk ways for the express purpose of furnishing auditors for him. The Chat talk ways also recompensed Nayrb with gold for his words, which Nayrb, being a poor man with seven or eight mansions to support, accepted without objection.

The Chat talk ways were held in great tents, in the summer months, and the discomforts endured by the Yresrunian crowds that filled them are indescribable. The heat was almost overpowering, the circulation of the air wretched life of those who rely on their mere legs and the physical suffering terrible. Yet so high was the regard for Nayrb that thousands of Yresrunians who might have sat in their shirt sleeves on their ance and justice and the stopping of abuses. He wants mankind to progress, streams, sipped beer in summer gardens, streams, sipped beer in summer gardens, danced the maxixe on hotel roofs, or isited the neighboring blast furnaces. gladly gave up good money to testify to their appreciation of Nayrb and his devotion to talk and meddling. Moreover, some Yresrunians, of peculiarly heroic disposition, attended these gatherings in plug hats and heavy black coats, merely to prove their superior fibre and love of

words. Because the physical strain of listening might prove too great for the Yresrunians at these meetings a simple method of limiting the duration of the torture was adopted. A great cake of ice was laid before Nayrb when he began his address. So long as the ice lasted Nayrb would continue to talk. When had melted entirely away he would release the auditors. When this happened the Yresrunians present would relieve themselves of the words pent within them during the unaccustomed period of enforced silence by screaming as loud as they could. Nor did Nayrb hold them to absolute silence while to create a large business for the Ameria hold them to absolute silence while can makers of guns and other war returned the ice lasted. At frequent intervals, quirements, thereby increasing the trade recognizing the ageny they were endur-of our land, bettering the workingman ing in sitting with closed lips, he would Also, a war would do so much for the world; there are too many people in it and yells to the extent he deemed neces-

> the Yresrunians gave evidence of their loyalty and faith in him whom they were proud to acknowledge their best and most wordy citizen, and Nayrb accepted their tribute as the well earned due of a useful life.

Psychology in the Providence Plantations. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The jewelry business of this city is ripe for investigation. Payrolls are one-third to one-half less than they were a year ago, but this is purely psychological. PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 3. N. I. T.

An Alternative. irritability in a woman can often be cured feeding her with cream.—Feminine medical

To feed her with cream Is a capital scheme
To which one might defer
But another scheme— Instead of cream

Why not give whey to her?

THE MIGRATORY BIRD LAW. ome Reasons Advanced in Favor of Its Constitutionality.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: The letter entitled "Game Bird Migration Law" in The Sun of May 28 contains misleading statements. The Federal law whose constitutionality is now in question is the migratory bird law which went into effect on October 1, 1913, and not the Lacey act, which has been declared constitutional

by the courts.

Last month Judge J. D. Elliott of the United States District Court, sitting at Sioux Fails, S. D., held that the migratory bird law was constitutional. the last few days Judge Jacob Trieber of the United States District Court, sitting at Jonesboro, Ark., has decided that the law is unconstitutional.

As counsel for the American Game Pro tective Association I made the arguments before the committees of Congress on the constitutional questions involved prior to the enactment of the law. At that the case of Geer vs. Connecticut U. S., 519.) was discussed, and I called the attention of the committees to the fact that there was no issue in that case with reference to the right of the State as contrasted with that of the Federal Government to control the taking of migratory game. However, in that case Mr. Justice game. However, in that case Mr. Justice White said that the character of the Federal Government seemed to be such that its action was to be applied to all the external concerns of the nation and to those internal concerns which affected than \$560,000 a year the matter has be

the States generally.

The protection of migratory birds affects the States generally. No one State has any interest superior to that of any other, because of the habits of these birds, which are here to-day and there to-morrow. morrow.

Congress has passed beneficial legislation for the purpose of exterminating in-sect pests, such as the boil weevil in the South and the tent and moth caterpillars with the funds appropriated by the national Government destroyed these pests without protest from the people of the various localities. This, in my opinion, was reasonable and proper action on the part of the national Government. By rectacting the migratory birds, which do protecting the migratory birds, which, do without expense to the Government this work, the same beneficial results will be obtained.

Description of the national Government of the place of illness when in reality they were maingering, and afterward succeeded in getting salary deducted restored to them.

Members of the supervisory staff are

Under the interstate commerce clause Congress has control over navi-gable waters, and therefore the incidental power to protect the sources of supply for these waters. There is, however, no ex-press power delegated to the Federal Government by the Constitution. It is an incidental power which accompanies an

express power.
Our forests assure the permanence of for the protection of the watersheds of the Appalachian system. The migratory bird law extents the Appalachian system. The migratory bird law extends its protection to the birds which are needed to prevent these forests from devastation by insect pests. For these reasons I feel confident that the Supreme Court will sustain a most worthy and beneficial law. and beneficial law. WILLIAM S. HASKELL,

Counsel of American Game Protective and Propagation Association. NEW YORK, June 3.

THE WORLD POET. Collops Torn From the Bleeding Heart

offer the following excerpt fro "Rhapsody" (Time is speaking):

Way far in mist hung worlds of Past, and | get With wondrous waywardness, the Cliff of

thrilling bird songs.

And gilded the bushes' bell flowered sprays; Hath budded the maples-hath tasselled the Indens and willows;
And cooled the green fringed forests and ways!

Bring back to me those blissful hours,

Love's eternal fire that burns in my torn heart Is like drear Ætna's—it will never part!

These are merely sweet lines; of dra-matic lines—nothing said. To astonish the forlorn American Poet I might add that I have over three hundred thousand magic poetry, lyric, descriptive and tragic. So wags the world.

Louis M. Eilsmemius, New York, June 3. The World Poet.

The Swan of Manhattan.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: In e following stanza I convey the reason for my present denial and approaching

Appealing to impenetrable hearts. The harp whose note soars highest throbs in vain, For kindliness, when genius comes, departs

From lesser talent, that itself would reign; While often culture teaches mean disdain, Or graces that but gloss, and who shall prize
The voice of verity, by wee made wise

When pride proclaims the priest, and sordid Engender song that sinks and art that nods.

Though my songs be now disregarded, yet will they live hereafter with the lastng glamour of death.

THE AMERICAN POET.

WORD LABORATORIES. A Nutmeg Epeoptercentologist on Two Savants.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUNperusal of Mr. Fred Metcalf's letters to THE SUN produces in a person possessing what may be called a good vocabulary the feeling of being merely "among those

Whether Mr. Metcalf spends his time in acquiring neoteric words or nove; arrangement of those primigeneous is a problem attempting the solution of which has enabled me to pass many hours of interested speculation. I have arrived at the conclusion he is of a rare species, a specimen of the genus homo who really thinks, and to fitly express his verbal architecture his thought edifices require Cyclopean blocks of English.

The solidity of his foundations is only equalled by the majesty of his superstructures, the only deficiency being a seeming weakness in ornamental design. If he and Charles Nevers Holmes could in some way synthesize their vocabulistic produc-tions into an indiscerptible conglomerate, they could rear etymonistic structures of which the glories could be sung in worthy measures by none but The American Poet. YSPADDADEN PENKAWR.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 3.

The Missing Mail Box.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: For more than a month a letter box on the corner of 146th street and Seventh avenue has been missing. Inquiries made at the post office by different persons bring the same asswer, that "as soon as the box is mended it will be put up again." How is it that such adepartment as the post office is not pro-NEW YORK, June 3. HENRI DE LAFITOLE. of the city.

HALT IS CALLED ON TEACHERS' REFUND

Prendergast to Appoint Outside Physicians to Pass on Deducted Salaries.

PLAIN WORDS BY MAXWELL

He Says Absences and Money Returned After Deduction Is "Public Scandal."

Public school teachers are considerably stirred up over the plan to appoint phy sicians from outside the school system to pass on their applications to the Board of Education for a return of pay deduc for absence from duty.

As these deductions aggregate more come an important problem in schools administration. The refunding of withheld salaries to teachers absent from duty has developed into what City Superin public scandal.

Comptroller Prendergast feels the necessity of subjecting the refunds to mor careful scrutiny than has been given in tent and moth caterpillars the past, and with the consent of the The Federal agents have Board of Education he will appoint phy appropriated by the nascians of his own to examine applica tions and report as to their justification The Comptroller, perhaps, had in mind the report submitted to the board of su-perintendents which declared that often teachers stayed from school on the ple

obtained.

The Supreme Court has held in the Kansas case that Congress has the power to legislate for the protection of non-navigable rivers which feed navigable of absence are private business, travel. of absence are private business, travel recreation, sfudy, illness in family and quarantine (genuine and false).

Absent List Is Growing.

It is only within recent years that th absence of public school teachers has grown to a proportion that is causing serious concern to school authorities. The records show that the total number days during which teachers are absent one year is more than 130,000. To fill the gap thus made the city pays \$400,000 substitute teachers.

Under the system which caused the Comptroller to start an investigation there on official record. Thus, a teacher may be out of the city for a whole school year and yet draw 170 days pay and then get an increase of salary if he or she returns to school the next year. If a teacher works ten days in a school year he or he may receive pay for 180 days. she or he may receive pay for 180 days.

It is possible for a teacher to remain out of school for a full calendar year (two half school years) and get full pay, under a by-law which allows a refund up 95 days of absence in a school year which runs from September to Septem ber and contains about 200 school days read the letter signed "The American Poet." I can give him solace. He is not the only one in the poetic boat. There are hundreds of other pining poets. I offer the following excernt from the poets of the control of the poetic boat. There are hundreds of other pining poets. I offer the following excernt from the poetic boat of the poetic boat. There are hundreds of other pining poets. I offer the following excernt from the poetic boat of the poeti on that in spite of all efforts to overcome that in spite of all efforts to overcome from my the abuse it continues to flourish. Abuse it continues is held to sence due to bona fide illness is held to be justification for a refund of the de Whose waters bound from fathomiess and living springs.

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caused the trouble.

Blame on Local Boards. Much of the responsibility for the lax cation. This is shown in the official statement that in one year the deductions amounted to \$555,000, but the board ordered \$300,000 cf. this part of the statement to \$555,000 to the board ordered \$300,000 cf. this part of the board ordered \$300,000 cf. this part of the board ordered \$300,000 cf. this part of the board or the bo

dered \$300,000 of this returned. To add to the board's trouble Supt Maxwell objects to "tainted money" ways! * * Maxwell objects to "tainted money going to the support of retired teachers and their loveliness in spring sweetened showers!

Maxwell objects to "tainted money going to the support of retired teachers and other places where intoxicating liquors are sold is a contribution from a defiled source that retired teachers should not be required to receive the support the support the support the says.

to accept, the superintendent says.

He suggests that the pension fund be thoroughly reorganized on sound principles, which could be done in this Wipe out the present sources of income and let the teaching and supervising staffs be taxed according to length of service and amount of salary received, and let the contribution from the city be made directly from the tax levy.

ST. JOHN'S WANTED FOR MUSEUM Suggestion to Be Made at Estimate

Board Hearing To-morrow. St. John's Chapel in Varick street is doomed unless a buyer can be found for it who will use it for a "public or semi-public purpose." The Board of Estimate at its meeting on May 28 announced that if it received assurances within twenty days that the church building will not be used for private purposes, the plans for the Seventh avenue subway and for im-proving Varick street will be changed to

save the church.

The Board of Estimate will hold a pub-The Board of Estimate will hold a public hearing to-morrow on this matter and the American Institute of Architects and probably the Municipal Art Society and the Art Federation will be represented at the hearing to oppose the razing of the building and to suggest ways in which the building can be publicly used.

The church is owned by the Trinkty Church Corporation, which has announced

Church Corporation, which has announced that it is willing to sell the old building, but will not concede any part of the valuabut will not concede any part of the valua-tion no matter for what purpose the building may be used in future. Archi-tects regard St. John's Chapel as a fore-most specimen of Georgian church archi-tecture. The church was finished in 1807 and was designed by John McComb, architect of record of the City Hall. Laurence F. Peck of the American In stitute of Architects said yesterday that suggestions had been made that the chapel turned into a branch historical and art

SEEK TO END PLATFORM EVIL Merchants Discuss With Marks

museum or a library.

Means of Keeping Streets Clear. Borough President Marks and Commis-Public Works Frawley discussed with fifty merchants yesterday the regu-lation of loading platforms and the means of moving merchandise across sidewalks without interfering with pedestrians. The hearing took place in the assembly room of the Merchants Association in the Wool-worth Building and resulted in the apworth Building and resulted in the at vestigate and report in four weeks eity conditions committee of the Mer-chants Association. Edwin H. Sayre of R. C. Williams & Co., wholesale grocers.

was made chairman.

Commissioner Frawley said that the way of pedestrians should not be impeded by crowded platforms that are difficult to pass.

Victor K. McElheny, Jr., president of the advisory council of the wholesale

the advisory council of the wholesals market district, said that interference with the merchants would result in boost

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